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# Banana (*Musa paradisiaca*) as a Green Corrosion Inhibitor for Protection of Metals and Alloys-A Review

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Citation: Vashi R. T. (2025) Banana (Musa paradisiaca) as a Green Corrosion Inhibitor for Protection of Metals and Alloys-A Review, J. Mater. Environ. Sci., 16(3), 523-537 **Abstract:** Corrosion is the deterioration of a metal by a chemical attack or reaction with its environment. Banana (*Musa paradisiaca*) can control the corrosion of various metals and alloys, such as aluminum, carbon steel, mild steel, stainless steel, iron and zinc. Various techniques like the weight loss (WL) method and electrochemical methods such as potentiodynamic polarization (PDP) and electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS), have been used to evaluate the corrosion inhibition efficiency (I.E.) of Banana. The protective film has been analyzed by Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FT-IR), Gas chromatography mass spectroscopy (GC-MS), UV-visible spectroscopy (UV-Vis.) and scanning electron microscopy (SEM) methods. Adsorption of *Musa paradisiaca* on metal surfaces obeys the Langmuir, Frumkin or Temkin isotherms depending on the nature of metal and the corrosive environment. A polarization study reveals that Banana (*Musa paradisiaca*) can function as cathodic or mixed type of inhibitor.

#### 1. Introduction

Corrosion of metal/alloy, which can be defined as the deterioration of materials due to their reaction with the environment. Corrosion of metals is of fundamental academic and industrial concern that has received considerable attention over the years. It remains a global scientific problem as it affects the metallurgical, chemical, food processing and oil industries. In Australia, Great Britain and Japan, the cost of corrosion is approximately 3 to 4 percent of the GDP (Kruger and Uhlig, 2000). Mild steel is widely use in the manufacturing of installations for the petroleum, fertilizers and other industries. In view of the viability of mild steel, its high cost of production and installation, several steps have been adopted to prolong the lifespan of the metal in industries. Aluminum has a remarkable economic and industrial importance owing to its low cost, light weight, high thermal and electrical conductivity. Zinc is one of the most important non-ferrous metals, which finds extensive use in metallic coating. Most efficient methods for protection metals against corrosion is the use of inhibitors (Kumar *et al.*, 2013, Ebenso *et al.*, 2008, Arab and Turkustani, 2006, Dubey and Singh, 2007). Corrosion inhibitors are substances which when added in small concentration to corrosive media decrease or prevent the reaction of the metal with the media (Raja *et al.*, 2008). The application of the organic and inorganic inhibitors not only gives toxicity effect towards living organism, also it is quite

expensive. Nowadays natural products are used as corrosion inhibitors as they are eco-friendly, cheap, easily available, non-toxic and ecologically acceptable (El-Etre *et al.*, 1998; Hammouti *et al.*, 2011; Elewady *et al.*, 2008; Oguzie *et al.*, 2006; Arrousse *et al.*, 2021).

Plant extracts have the required inhibiting properties, i.e. they contain various organic compounds with heteroatoms like nitrogen, sulphur, oxygen and conjugated bonds (Vasudha *et al.*, 2013, Patel *et al.*, 2010, Ibrahim *et al.*, 2012, Prabakaran *et al.*, 2016). The plant extracts, boosted with phytochemical constituents such as amino acids, terpenoids, flavonoids, alkaloids, polyphenols, tannins, etc., along with their simple preparative methods, low cost, easy availability and renewable resources, are environmentally acceptable ones (Shahba *et al.*, 2016). There are three types of inhibitors according to mechanism of electrochemical action, such as anodic, cathodic or mixed inhibitors: (i) Anodic inhibitors slow down the oxidation reaction, i.e.by blocking the anodic sites (seat of metal oxidation), which decrease the density of the metal dissolution current and shift the corrosion potential in the positive direction. (ii) Cathodic inhibitors show blocking the cathodic sites (iii) Mixed-type of inhibitors which act on both cathodic and anodic reactions.

*Musa paradisiaca* (Family: Musaceae) is a perennial tree like herb. It is commonly known as banana or kela in Hindi and is widely found in northern India (Bhatnagar *et al.*, 2011). Almost all modern edible parthenocarpic (seedless) bananas come from two wild species – *Musa acuminata* and *Musa balbisiana*. The old scientific name *Musa sapientum* is no longer used. Banana are species of the genus Musa are native to Southeast Asia but are now grown extensively in all tropical countries like Indomalaya and Australia for their fruit, fiber, or foliage. A banana peel, called banana skin in British English, is the outer covering of a banana. It is cultivated throughout the tropical and subtropical regions which spread over 122 countries in the world (Oliveira *et al.*, 2008, Ehiowemwenguan *et al.*, 2014). In international trade, the banana is a fifth agricultural crop (Singh *et al.*, 2016). India is the largest producer of the banana and contributes about 25.7 % to the total production in the world.

As the banana plants are normally tall and fairly sturdy, they are often mistaken for trees, but their main or upright stem is actually a pseudo stem (literally "fake stem"). When fully grown the stem attains a height of 3 to 12 m and is surmounted by a crown of large oval leaves up to 3 m long. The banana leaves are spirally arranged and may grow to 2.7 meters long and 60 cm wide and each plant has 8 to 12 leaves. The fruit is variable in size, color and firmness, but is usually elongated and curved, with soft flesh rich in starch covered with a rind which may be green, yellow, red, purple, or brown when ripe. The fruits grow in clusters hanging from the top of the plant (Ehiowemwenguan *et al.*, 2014). Banana (*Musa paradisiaca*) peel is shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1. Banana (Musa paradisiaca) peel

# Traditional uses of Banana (Musa paradisiaca)

Banana peels are used as food for animals, an ingredient in cooking, in water purification, for manufacturing of several biochemical products. The stem juices of Musa paradisiaca have been reported to be used in the treatment of nervous affections like epilepsy, hysteria and in dysentery and diarrhea (Singh et al., 2007). Banana leaves are used as a wound dressing material and on burns (Ali et al., 2015). Flowers are used in treating diabetes and menstrual disorders (Bhaskar et al., 2011). Banana stem is used in treating urinary disorders (Poonguzhali et al., 1994). The root is used for antiinflammatory property (Ibegbu et al., 2012). The potential use of banana fruit pulp to treat ulcers has been explored by a number of investigators (Singh et al., 2007, Elliot et al., 1976, Best, 1984). The juice of this plant works for fevers, hemorrhages, hysteria. Dysentery, digestive disorders, and diarrhea can also be cured by this plant. Anemia, blood pressure, constipation, depression can be controlled by this herb (Bhatnagar et al., 2011). The extract of the banana peel shows antioxidant and antibacterial properties (Hernández-Carranza et al., 2015, Mokbel and Hashinaga, 2005, Azarudeen et al., 2021). Banana peel also shows antifungal (Okorondu et al., 2012), anticancer activity (Azarudeen et al., 2021, Kamal et al., 2019), antimicrobial, antibiotic, and prebiotic properties (Boots et al., 2008, Kabir et al., 2020). Banana peel extract was used to reduce silver nitrate (AgNO<sub>3</sub>) in the preparation of silver nanoparticles. Nowadays Banana peel extract can be used as an effective corrosion inhibitor.

### 2. Methodology

Corrosion inhibition of different metals and alloys in various medium by Banana (*Musa paradisiaca*) as an inhibitor was shown in **Table1**.

Metal / Alloy	Medium + Additive	Techniques used	Findings	I.E. max. (in %)	Reference
Aluminum and Mild Steel	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	WL with time,	Efficient inhibitor.	67.32 WL for Al & 62.40 WL for MS	Ayotamuno, 2023
Carbon Steel	1 M HCl & 0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	PDP, EIS, FT-IR, SEM, XPS.	Cathodic-type of inhibitor in HCl.	95.91 PDP in HCl & 83.33PDP in H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	Bach <i>et al.</i> , 2023
AISI 4041 Carbon Steel	0.5 and 1.5 M HCl	WL with time.	Corrosion rate decreases with increase in inhibitor concentration.	78.59 WL in 0.5 M HCl.	Komalasari et al., 2018
Iron	3 % HCl	WL with time, FT-IR, UV-Vis.	As the concentration of banana peel increases I.E. also increases.	97.79 WL	Tambun <i>et al.</i> , 2018a
Iron	3 % NaCl	WL with time, FT-IR.	Efficient inhibitor.	67.9 WL	Tambun <i>et</i> <i>al.</i> , 2018b
X70 Steel	1 M HCl	WL with temperature, EIS, SEM, FT-IR, MDS, QCC, AFM	Mixed-type of inhibitor. Langmuir adsorption isotherm.	90.0 WL	Guo <i>et al.</i> , 2021

**Table 1.** Corrosion inhibition of metals and alloys in different media by Banana (*Musa paradisiaca*) as an inhibitor.

ASTM A53	Artificial	WL, SEM.		30.0 WL	Pratikno et
Steel	Sea water				<i>al.</i> , 2018
SS 304	1 M HCl	WL with temperature, PDP, EIS, SEM.	Mixed-type of inhibitor. Langmuir adsorption isotherm.	87.0 PDP, 98.0 EIS	Patel <i>et al.</i> , 2024
Carbon Steel	Sea water + Zn <sup>+2</sup>	WL, PDP, EIS, AFM, FT-IR.	Mixed-type of inhibitor.	98.0 WL	Sangeetha <i>et al.</i> , 2012
Mild Steel	Sea water + Zn <sup>+2</sup>	WL, PDP, SEM, AFM.	Mixed-type of inhibitor.	98.0 WL	Sangeetha <i>et al.</i> , 2021
Mild Steel	CO <sub>2</sub> corrosive environment	WL with time and temperature, FT-IR, SEM.	Efficient inhibitor.	100.0 WL	Chima <i>et al.,</i> 2024
Mild Steel	1 M HCl	WL with temperature, GM, TM, ANOVA	Efficient inhibitor.	95.56 TM	Amodu <i>et al.</i> , 2019
Mild Steel	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	WL, PDP, EIS, FT- IR, UV-Vis., SEM, AFM, DFT.	Efficient inhibitor.	87.0 WL	Ji <i>et al.</i> , 2021
Mild Steel	1.0, 1.5 and 2.0 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	WL	Efficient inhibitor.	84.75 WL	Idemudia et al., 2020
Mild Steel	2.0 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	WL			Salami <i>et al.</i> , 2018
Mild Steel	1 M HCl	WL, PDP, EIS, HPLC, UV Vis., AFM, FT-IR.	Langmuir adsorption isotherm.	92.0 WL	Ji et al., 2015
Mild Steel	1.0 M HCl and 0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	WL, PDP, EIS, UV- Vis., SEM, DFT.	Langmuir adsorption isotherm.	90.0 in both HCl, and H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	Tiwari <i>et al.,</i> 2018
Mild Steel	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	WL with temperature, PDP, EIS, SEM, AFM.	Mixed-type of inhibitor. Langmuir adsorption isotherm.	82.7 WL, 81.9 PDP, 72.6 EIS	Mayanglamba m <i>et al.</i> , 2011
Mild Steel	5.0 M HCl	WL, GM, PDP, EIS, SEM.	Efficient inhibitor.	90.0 WL	Kumar <i>et al.</i> , 2020
Mild Steel (A 36 Steel)	0.5 M HCl	WL with time, SEM, Colorimetry.	Good inhibitor.	24.44 WL	Hidalgo <i>et al.</i> , 2025
Mild Steel	1 M HCl	WL, PDP, EIS.	Mixed-type of inhibitor.	94.93 WL	Gunavathy <i>et al.</i> , 2013
Mild Steel	1 M HCl	WL with time and temperature, PDP, EIS.	Mixed-type of inhibitor. Langmuir and Temkin adsorption isotherms.	96.08 WL, 99.18 PDP, 92.04 EIS	Gunavathy <i>et al.</i> , 2012
Mild Steel	1 N H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	WL with temperature, PDP, EIS, SEM.	Mixed-type of inhibitor. Langmuir adsorption isotherm.	93.09 WL, 94.74 PDP, 91.27 EIS	Gunavathy et al., 2014
Mild Steel	1 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	WL with time and temperature.	Langmuir adsorption isotherm.	90.0 WL	Leizoua <i>et al.</i> , 2022
Mild Steel	1 M HCl	WL, PDP, EIS, SEM, FT-IR.	Mixed-type of inhibitor. Langmuir adsorption isotherm.	84.60 WL, 92.92 PDP, 91.0 EIS	Senthilvadivu et al., 2015
Mild Steel	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	WL with time and temperature.	Langmuir and Frumkin adsorption isotherms.	71.05 GM, 70.05 WL	Eddy <i>et al.</i> , 2008

Mild Steel	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	WL with time, FT-IR.	Langmuir adsorption isotherm.	87.07 WL	Ekeke <i>et al.,</i> 2021
Mild Steel	0.1 M HCl	WL, PDP, SEM, FT-IR,	As the concentration of banana peel increases I.E. also increases.	87.44 WL	Manikandan <i>et</i> al., 2019
Mild Steel	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	WL with time, SEM, FT-IR, EDS.	Langmuir adsorption isotherm.	94.91 WL	Verma <i>et al.</i> , 2016
Mild Steel	1 M HCl	WL with temperature, GC- MS, FT-IR.	Efficient inhibitor.	89.0 WL	Rosli <i>et al.</i> , 2019
Mild Steel	1 M HCl	WL with temperature.	Langmuir adsorption isotherm.	88.50 WL	Olasehinde <i>et al.</i> , 2012
Mild Steel	0.3 M HCl & 0.3 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	WL with time.	Efficient inhibitor.	93.0 WL in HCl and 69.0 WL in H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	Oke <i>et al</i> , 2018
Steel	2 % HCl	GC-MS.		36.11	Jamaluddin <i>et</i> <i>al.</i> , 2024
Zinc	3 % HC1	WL with time, FT-IR.	Efficient inhibitor.	90.93 WL	Tambun <i>et</i> <i>al.</i> , 2020

Abbrevations: ANOVA: analysis of variance, AFM: atomic force microscope, DFT: density function theory, EDS: energy dispersive spectroscopy, EIS: electrochemical impedance spectroscopy, FT-IR: fourier-transform infrared spectroscope, GC-MS: gas chromatography mass spectrometry, GM: gasometric method, HPLC: high pressure liquid chromatography, MDS: molecular dynamics simulation, PDP: potentiodynamic polarization , SEM: scanning electron microscopy TM: thermometric method, QCC: quantum chemical calculation, UV-Vis.: ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometry, XPS: X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy, WL: weight loss.

## Gas chromatography mass spectrometry (GC-MS) study

Rosli et al. (Rosli *et al.*, 2019) studied of corrosion inhibition of Mild steel in 1 M HCl solution by Banana peel as corrosion inhibitor. They carried out GC-MS spectra of the Banana Peel extracts shown in **Figure 2** which indicates various levels of peaks. Identification of these compounds was confirmed by comparison of the mass spectra with the standard mass spectra obtained in the literature. Compounds that consist of particular components such as follows exhibits properties of corrosion inhibition and adsorption (Nair *et al.*, 2010, Gunavathy and Murugavel 2014):

- The presence of lone pair of electrons on a hetero atom such as phosphorus, nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur
- The presence of  $\pi$ -bond
- The presence of triple bond such as cyano groups
- The presence of heterocyclic compound such as imidazole, pyridine ring pyrrole and so on.

Acquirable compounds of banana peel extracts have hetero atoms such as nitrogen and oxygen that fortify their adsorptive property over mild steel surface. The presence of particular groups such as C=O, COOH, OH, NH and also the existence of pi electrons in the chemical structure of banana peels enhance its inhibiting properties (Matheswaran and Ramasamy 2012, El-Maksoud 2008, Singh *et al.*, 2013). Thus, from the investigation of the results, it could be concluded that the inhibition of mild steel corrosion was acknowledged due to the significant presence of these compounds in the banana peel extracts.



Figure 2. GC-MS Chromatogram Banana Peel Extracts (Rosli et al., 2019).

### Potentiodynamic polarization (PDP) Study

The polarization curves for mild steel in 1 M HCl in the absence and presence of different concentrations Musa paradisiaca are given in **Figure 3** (Senthilvadivu *et al.*,2015). The potentiodynamic polarisation measurement allows for the study of anticorrosion behaviour via anodic and cathodic polarisations. Tafel plots as shown in **Figure 3**.



**Figure 3**. Potentiodynamic polarization curves for mild steel corrosion in 1 M HCl in absence and presence of different concentrations Musa paradisiaca (Senthilvadivu *et al.*, 2015).

 $E_{corr}$  refers to the corrosion potential,  $I_{corr}$  refers to the corrosion current density,  $\beta a$  and  $\beta c$  refer to the anodic and cathodic Tafel slopes, respectively, of the polarisation curves. The flow of electrons is inhibited with increase in concentration of inhibitor banana peel, which is due to the adsorption of inhibitor molecules on the metal surface. An Inhibitor is classified as cathodic or anodic with the  $E_{Corr}$ 

value displacement from the control is greater than 85 mV. If the value is less than 85 mV, then the inhibitor is considered to be mixed type inhibitor. Our inhibitor has  $E_{Corr.}$  value displacement less than 85 mV. The significance of  $\beta a$  and  $\beta c$  Value, we can see that  $\beta a$  is greater than  $\beta c$  this indicates that extract has high cathodic current density than the anodic part. The result implies that the inhibitor used as mixed type of inhibitor and predominantly inhibiting cathodic reaction (Senthilvadivu *et al.*, 2015).

#### Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) study

Senthilvadivu et al. (Senthilvadivu *et al.*, 2015) studied EIS diagrams for Mild steel in 1 M HCl and Nyquist plots were shown in **Figure 4**.



Figure 4. Nyquist plots (Senthilvadivu et al., 2015).

It is observed that with increase in concentration of inhibitor, the diameter of loop is increasing. The diameter of the loop indicates the resistance towards the flow of electrons. The increase in diameter of loop with concentration implies increase in resistance ( $R_{ct}$ ) towards flow of electrons. This is due to the formation of the inhibitor as a protective film on the metal surface, which acts as a potential barrier against corrosive environment. It was observed that the inhibition efficiency (I.E. %) shows increasing trend with concentration of inhibitor and the inhibition efficiency of 91% was found to be at concentration (0.25%). These results showed that the banana peel extract acts as an effective corrosion inhibitor (Senthilvadivu *et al.*, 2015).

# Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FT-IR) study

FTIR analysis is an analysis using infrared radiation absorption. Each functional group in a material absorbs a different spectrum so that the chemical characteristics of the material as a whole can be described. FTIR test results in the form of graphs, which consists of several absorption peaks that identify the compounds contained in the banana peel. Tabun et al. (Tabun *et al.*, 2018a) studied the inhibitive effect of Banana peels on the corrosion of Iron in 3% NaCl. In this study, banana peel extract was characterized by using FT-IR spectra was shown in **Figure 5**. **Figure 5** shows that the banana peel contains a phenol (O-H) group which is marked at the peak of absorption 3398.57 cm<sup>-1</sup> where the hydroxyl group wave number area is 3705-3125 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Peak 2927.94 cm<sup>-1</sup> indicates that Awak banana peel contains alkane (C-H) compounds which according to theory at wave length 2863-2961 cm<sup>-1</sup>, while peak 1631.78 cm<sup>-1</sup> indicates the amide compound (C=O) which according to the theory at wave length 1300-1655 cm<sup>-1</sup>, peak 3132, 3544 cm<sup>-1</sup> for gallic acid and peak 3232, 3441 cm<sup>-1</sup> indicates that

the banana peel contains tannin compounds. The results of the FTIR analysis in this study are similar to the results of the analysis conducted by Zhao et al. (Zhao *et al.*, 2018).



Figure 5. FTIR spectrum of banana peel (Tabun et al., 2018a)

Atomic force microscopy (AFM) studies



**Figure 6**. AFM images of mild steel in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in (a) absence and (b) presence of 3 g of *Musa* paradisiaca extract (Mayanglambam *et al.*, 2011).

Mayanglambam et al. (Mayanglambam *et al.*, 2011) studied AFM images of mild steel exposed for 5 hours in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solutions in absence and presence of 1 gram of extract are shown in **Figure 6** (a)-(b). The roughness of mild steel coupons in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solutions in absence and presence of the extract are 152.9 nm and 56.99 nm, respectively (Sheng *et al.*, 2007). This indicates that the addition of the extract reduced the surface roughness. This confirms that the corrosion inhibition on mild steel occurs through adsorption of the extract on it (Mayanglambam *et al.*, 2011).

# Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) Study

Verma and Khan (Verma and Khan, 2016) studied the SEM images of mild steel surface before and after exposing to  $0.5 \text{ M H}_2\text{SO}_4$  solution in absence and presence of banana leaves for 24 h are shown in Figure 7.



Figure 7. SEM images of mild steel surfaces (a) polished mild steel (b) mild steel after immersion in 0.5 M  $H_2SO_4$ , (c) mild steel after immersion into inhibitor solution (Verma and Khan, 2016).

**Figure 7b** and **Figure 7c** shows the SEM images of mild steel surface that was immersed in 0.5 M  $H_2SO_4$  solution in the absence and presence of inhibitor for 24 h, respectively. The SEM image of mild steel surface in **Figure 7a** shows the plane surface. Whereas from **Figure 7b** it is obviously seen that the metal surface was severely corroded due to presence of corrosive solution. However, the appearance of mild steel surface is different after the addition of the inhibitor solution shown in **Figure 7c**. The uniform distribution of inhibitor on the high carbon steel surface prevents the further corrosion. SEM analysis results show that inhibitor molecules form protective layer over the metal surface and prevent from the further corrosion (Verma and Khan, 2016).

# Energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS) study

EDX is a technique used to identify and quantify the elemental composition of materials by analyzing the X-rays emitted when a sample is bombarded with a focused electron beam. Verma and Khan (Verma and Khan, 2016) studied the EDS spectra of surface of the mild steel specimens in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution in absence and presence of *banana leaves* extract are shown in **Figure 8**. Based on the corresponding EDS spectrum of **Figure 8a**, it can be concluded that the mild steel surface corroded in aggressive media has areas with clearly high oxygen concentration compared to the surface in the presence of *banana leaves* extract (Verma and Khan, 2016).



**Figure 8**. EDS spectra mild steel surfaces (**a**) mild steel after immersion in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and (**b**) mild steel after immersion into inhibitor solution (Verma and Khan, 2016).

### Phytochemical constituents of Banana (Musa paradisiaca)

Phytochemical analysis of *Musa acuminata* bract showed the presence of alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, tannins, terpenoids, coumarins, glycosides, total phenols and steroids (Gunavathy and Murugavel 2014). Banana peel has a high source of total dietary fiber (43-49%), crude protein (6-9%), crude fat (3.8-11%), starch (3%), and polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA) especially linoleic acid  $\alpha$  linoleic acid. It includes essential amino acids such as leucine, valine, phenylalanine, threonine, and micronutrients such as calcium, magnesium, potassium, sodium and phosphorous. The rich micronutrients, iron and zinc are present more in the peel than the pulp. It is also a rich source of pectin (10-21%), lignin (6-12%), cellulose (7.6 9.6%), and hemicellulose (6.4-9.4%) (Mohapatra *et al.*, 2010). GC-MS showed that the peels were rich with lipids, fatty acids, and terpenoids. The fatty acids stearic, palmitic, oleic and linoleic acids and their methyl esters as well as cyclododecane, dibutyl phthalate, b-sitosterol, sesamin and epi-sesamin were among the identified components.

#### Mechanism of corrosion inhibition by Banana (Musa paradisiaca)

The mechanism of inhibition can be understood by knowing the mode of interaction of the inhibitor molecules with mild steel surface. Inhibitors function by adsorption and/or hydrogen bonding to the metal. Adsorption process can be governed by various parameters. This depends on the chemical composition and structure of the inhibitor, the nature of the metal surface, and the properties of the medium. Structural and electronic parameters like functional group, steric and electronic effects may also be responsible for the inhibition efficiency of any inhibitor, that is, the adsorption mechanism. The compounds have to block the active corrosion sites on the metal surface and hence the adsorption occurs by the bonding of the free electrons of inhibitor with the metal. The bract extract may constitute organic compounds containing (i) lone pair of electrons present on a hetero-atom (e.g., N, S, P, O) (ii) pi-bond (iii) triple bonds (e.g., Cyano groups) and (iv) heterocyclic compounds such as pyridine ring pyrrole, imidazole etc. Phytochemical analysis of Musa acuminata bract showed the presence of alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, tannins, terpenoids, coumarins, glycosides, total phenols and steroids. The inhibiting influence of these molecules may be attributed to their adsorption through the NH, C=O, OH, COOH etc. groups and also may be due to the presence of pi-electrons in the rings (Gunavathy and Murugavel et al., 2014). These organic molecules get physisorbed on the metal surface forming a protective film and hence the anti-corrosive behaviour (Rekha et al., 2010). The plant nutrients sitosterol, stigmasterol, campesterol, cycloeucalenol, cycloartanol, and 24-methylene cycloartanol have either nitrogen or oxygen or both and pair of electrons in nitrogen and oxygen can facilitate the

adsorption of the nutrients of the extract on metals. Interaction between the  $\pi$  electrons of oxygen and the vacant d orbital of the metal surface may also be another possibility for adsorption and for inhibition (Gunavathy and Murugavel 2012, Poongothai *et al.*, 2010). Banana peel includes essential amino acids (Mohapatra *et al.*, 2010) such as leucine, valine, phenylalanine and threonine and their chemical structures are shown in **Figure 9.** Amino acids were widely studied as good to excellent inhibitors for iron and its alloys in various aggressive media (El Ibrahimi *et al.*, 2020; Barouni *et al.*, 2014; Aouniti *et al.*, 2013).



Figure 9. The chemical structures of some amino acids.

Inspection of the chemical structures of these phytochemical constituents reveal that these compounds are easily hydrolysable and the compounds can be adsorbed on the metal surface via the lone pair of electrons present on their oxygen atoms (i.e. they contain multifunctional group) which make a barrier for charge and mass transfer leading to decrease the interaction of the metal with the corrosive environment. As a result, the corrosion rate of the metal was decreased. The formation of film layer essentially blocks the discharge of H<sup>+</sup> and dissolution of the metal ions. Due to electrostatic interaction, the protonated constituent molecules are adsorbed (physisorption) and high inhibition is expected (Olasehinde *et al.*, 2012). The various naturally components adsorb competitively on the metal surface to ensure the corrosion attack via the synergistic intermolecular effect (Eziuka *et al.*, 2023; Lazrak *et al.*, 2021)

#### Conclusion

In this review, various research works on the corrosion inhibition of different metals and alloys in different acidic, neutral and seawater media by Banana (*Musa paradisiaca*) peel as green inhibitor were presented. Langmuir, Frumkin and Temkin adsorption isotherms were observed. Banana peel extract behaved as a cathodic or mixed-type of inhibitor. The maximum inhibition efficiency for Banana (*Musa paradisiaca*) peel was found to be 100.0 % (WL data). The results obtained from weight loss data were in good agreement with the results obtained from the PDP and EIS methods. Various techniques such as SEM, FT-IR, GC-MS, DFT, UV-Vis. etc. were used to study the corrosion mechanism.

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